

**AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS**

1. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
  - (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing selected compressible gaseous volume and including a center, an outer surface, a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick, and points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center;
  - (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;
  - (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at least two areas, one on either side of said strip of material.
2. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
  - (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including:
    - (i) a center;
    - (ii) an outer surface,
    - (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
    - (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
    - (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely through said core;
  - (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core.

- 1 3. (Canceled) An animal toy, including  
2 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable thin-walled hollow symmetrical rubber  
3 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible  
4 gaseous volume and including  
5 (i) a center;  
6 (ii) an outer surface,  
7 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,  
8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and  
9 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; said systemically core  
10 being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can be thrown to bounce  
11 (i) along a straight line, and  
12 (ii) such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from bounce to  
13 bounce.
- 14 4. (Canceled) An animal toy, including  
15 (a) a compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealing  
16 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and  
17 including  
18 (i) a center;  
19 (ii) an outer surface,  
20 (lii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,  
21 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and  
22 (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely  
23 through said core, said core bing shaped and dimensioned such that  
24 the toy when thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,  
25 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; and  
26 (c) a length of rope extending through said aperture such that said rope can be  
27 grasped to throw the toy.  
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- 1 5. (Canceled) An animal toy, including  
2 (a) compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealingly  
3 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and  
4 including  
5 (i) a center;  
6 (ii) an outer surface,  
7 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,  
8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and  
9 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when  
10 thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,  
11 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality  
12 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.
- 13 6. (Canceled) An animal toy, including  
14 (a) compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealingly  
15 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and  
16 including  
17 (i) a center;  
18 (ii) an outer surface,  
19 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,  
20 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and  
21 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when  
22 thrown randomly will bounce erratically, and,  
23 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality  
24 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.
- 25 7. (Canceled) An animal toy, including  
26 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical rubber*  
27 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible  
28 gaseous volume and including a center, a *non-spherical* outer surface, a wall  
*one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick, and points on the outer  
surface at varying distances from the center;

- 1 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;  
2 (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as  
3 a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at a least two areas, one  
4 on either said of said strip of material.
- 5 8. (Canceled) An animal toy, including  
6 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber  
7 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible  
8 gaseous volume and including  
9 (i) a center;  
10 (li) a *non-spherical* outer surface,  
11 (lii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,  
12 (iv) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely  
13 through said core;  
14 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core.
- 15 9. (Canceled) An animal toy, including  
16 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber  
17 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible  
18 gaseous volume and including  
19 (i) a center;  
20 (li) a *non-spherical* outer surface,  
21 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,  
22 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center; and,  
23 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;  
24 said symmetrical core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can  
25 be thrown to bounce  
26 (i) along a straight line, and  
27 (ii) *erratically* such that the direction fo travel of the toy changes from  
28 bounce to bounce due *to the shape and dimension* of the toy.

- 1 10. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
- 2 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber
- 3 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
- 4 gaseous volume and including
- 5 (i) a center;
- 6 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,
- 7 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,
- 8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
- 9 (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely
- 10 through said core, said core being shaped and dimensioned such that
- 11 the toy when thrown randomly *likely* will bounce erratically; and
- 12 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; and,
- 13 (c) a length of rope extending through said aperture such that said rope can be
- 14 grasped to throw the toy.
- 15 11. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
- 16 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber
- 17 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
- 18 gaseous volume and including
- 19 (i) a center;
- 20 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,
- 21 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,
- 22 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
- 23 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown
- 24 randomly likely will bounce erratically; and,
- 25 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality
- 26 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.
- 27 12. (Canceled) An animal toy, including
- 28 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber
- core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
- gaseous volume and including

- 1 (i) a center;  
2 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,  
3 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,  
4 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,  
5 (v) a *width*, and  
6 (vi) a *length* greater than said width,  
7 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown  
8 randomly *likely* will bounce erratically; and,  
9 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality  
10 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.
- 11 13. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog toy, including  
12 (a) ~~a compressibly~~ an elongate bendable elastically deformable hollow thin-  
13 walled non-spherical rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a  
14 selected compressible gaseous volume and including a center, a non-  
15 spherical outer surface, a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch  
16 thick, and points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,  
17 said core when bent subjecting part of said core to tensile forces while  
18 another part of said core is subjected to compressive forces;  
19 (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a  
20 firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to produce a smooth resilient  
21 texture;  
22 (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as  
23 a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at least two areas, one  
24 on either side of said strip of material.
- 25 14. (Withdrawn) An animal toy, including  
26 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled non-spherical rubber  
27 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible  
28 gaseous volume and including  
(i) a center;  
(ii) a non-spherical outer surface,

- 1 (iii) a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick,  
2 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and  
3 (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely  
4 through said core;  
5 (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a  
6 firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to produce a smooth resilient  
7 texture.
- 8 15. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog toy, including  
9 (a) ~~a compressible~~ an elongate bendable compressible elastically deformable  
10 thin-walled hollow symmetrical non-spherical rubber core sealingly  
11 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and  
12 including  
13 (i) a center;  
14 (ii) a non-spherical outer surface,  
15 (iii) a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick,  
16 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,  
17 said core when bent subjecting part of said core to tensile forces while another part  
18 of said core is subjected to compressive forces; and,  
19 (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a  
20 firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to form a smooth resilient  
21 texture, said symmetrical core being shaped and dimensioned such that the  
22 toy can be thrown to bounce  
23 (i) along a straight line, and  
24 (ii) erratically such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from  
25 bounce to bounce due to the shape and dimension of the toy.  
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